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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/522,319
Filing Date	March 9, 2000
First Named Inventor	Alando M. Ballantyne, et al.
Group Art Unit	2122
Examiner Name	Chuck O. Kendall
Attorney Docket Number	50-00-002 (014208.1353)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☒ Other: Previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) for consideration by Examiner

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Request for Continued Examination
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Other: Notification of Extension of Time (1 month)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☒ Baker Botts L.L.P. return receipt postcard

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$740.00
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$110.00
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

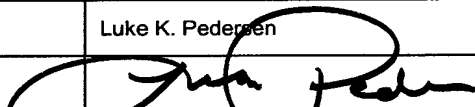
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FEE CALCULATION SHEET						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Basic Rate						\$740.00
Total Claims	16	-	20	0=	x \$18 =	00.0-
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0=	x \$84 =	00.00
Total Fees						740.00
Less 50% for Small Entity						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS RCE						\$740.00

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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Signature		Date	August 22, 2002